

I

BEDALE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

NORTH RIDING OF YORKSHIRE

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER

1971

00000000

H.R. MORRISON, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Medical Officer of Health

BEDALE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

North Riding of Yorkshire.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year ending
31st. December, 1971.

To The Chairman and Members of the Bedale Rural District Council.

Sir, Mesdames and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Health of the District for 1971. The main vital statistics are as follows. Birth rate, adjusted by the comparability factor, 18.0, higher than that for England and Wales (16.0); Infant Mortality rate (Deaths of infants under one year per 1,000 births) 15.00 lower than that for England and Wales (18). General Death rate (Adjusted) 11.6 the same as that for England and Wales (11.6).

Public Health Officers of The Council.

- (1) One Medical Officer of Health (Part-time)
- (2) One Surveyor and Chief Public Health Inspector (Full-time)
- (3) Two Additional Public Health Inspectors (Full-time)
- (4) One Meat Inspector/Technical Assistant (Full-time)
- (5) One Meat Inspector (Full-time)

Statistics.

Area	43,302 acres
Registrar General's estimate of resident population (mid 1971)	8.690
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Books (end of 1971)	3.014
Rateable value of the Area,	£316,818
Product of a Penny Rate,	£ 2,880

Vital Statistics (as supplied by Registrar General).

		<u>M A L E S</u>			<u>F E M A L E S</u>		
		<u>Total.</u>	<u>Legit.</u>	<u>Illegit.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Legit.</u>	<u>Illegit.</u>
Live Births	...	84	80	4	71	66	5
Still Births	...	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Deaths of Infants.</u>							
Under 1 year	...	1	1	-	1	1	-
Under 4 weeks	...	1	1	-	1	1	-
Under 1 week	...	-	-	-	-	-	-

CLASSIFIED CAUSES OF DEATH

	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Diseases of Musculo Skeletal System	-	1	1
Suicide and self inflicted injuries	1	1	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	1	-	1
" " Lung, Bronchus	4	2	6
" " Breast	-	1	1
" " Prostate	2	-	2
" " Intestine	-	1	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms	1	3	4
Hypertensive Disease	2	-	2
Diabetes Mellitus	-	1	1
Leukaemia	-	1	1
Cerebrovascular Disease	8	5	13
Ischaemic Heart Disease	13	12	25
Other Forms of Heart Disease	3	3	6
Pneumonia	2	2	4
Bronchitis and Emphysema	1	-	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	-	1	1
Other Disease of Respiratory System	-	1	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	-	1	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	4	1	5
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	3	7	10
Congenital Anomalies	1	1	2
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	-	1	1
Other Diseases Genito Urinary System	-	1	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	-	1	1
All Other Accidents	1	2	3
Totals	<u>47</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>97</u>

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

It was not necessary to take action under Section 27 of the above Act which give the Council power to remove to suitable premises, persons who are not able to devote to themselves and are not receiving from other persons adequate care and attention.

GENERAL PROVISION OF THE HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

(a) Laboratory Facilities. The Public Health Service Laboratory closed at the end of August, 1971. Since then Laboratory Facilities have been provided by the Hospital Laboratory, Priarage Hospital, Northallerton.

(b) Hospitals. (c) Clinics and Treatments Centres. (d) Ambulance Service. (e) Nursing Services.

These are provided Nationally and by the County Council and are reasonably adequate although subject to strain in a large and somewhat sparsely populated area, with infrequent local public transport.

One full time Health Visitor, two District Nurse/Midwives/Health Visitors and one District Nurse/Midwife employed by the North Riding County Council, carry out duties required by the above sections of the Act in the District.

PREVALANCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER
DISEASES.

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Total Cases</u>
Scarlet Fever,	1
Whooping Cough,	22
Measles,	3
Pulmonary Tuberculoses	1
Dysentery	1
Meningitis	7
Infective Hepatitis	1
Food Poisoning	4

WATER SUPPLY

The water supply authority for the District is the Northallerton and the Dales Water Board. Throughout the year, routine bacteriological samples were taken by the Board and examined by the Public Health Laboratory Service.

DATA SUPPLIED BY THE SURVEYOR & CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

SEWERAGE & SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The Construction of Sewerage & Sewage Disposal Schemes has proceeded steadily during the year although by the middle of 1971 difficulties and delays were arising on the Burneston, Carthorpe & Theakston Scheme which should have been completed at the end of February. It is now apparent that this Scheme will not be completed until well into 1972.

Construction work on the Scheme to serve the village of Kirklington was commenced in August and sewer laying was proceeding satisfactorily at the end of the year. At the same time, work was begun on the Sewage Disposal Works Site and the Scheme is programmed to be completed in October 1972. At the present time there seems no reason why this completion date should not be met.

Over recent years, the Sewage Disposal Works at Bedale have become overloaded due to the large amount of development which has taken place in the town and surrounding area and as a result, it became necessary to prepare a Scheme for extending the Works. The proposed extension received approval and construction work commenced in May. At the end of the year, the Scheme was virtually completed and the Quality of the effluent is already showing signs of considerable Improvement.

Whilst the above mentioned Works of Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Work have been pressed forward, the Council was also looking to the next Scheme on its programme, namely, the West Tanfield Joint Sewerage Scheme which is Planned to commence early in 1973. This Joint Scheme will take the sewage from the villages of West Tanfield, Nosterfield, Thornborough and Well to a single Purification Works to be built on a site to the East of West Tanfield Village.

The Council is now looking at the few remaining small villages and hamlets where mains sewerage facilities are still required so that design and construction work can be properly programmed.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL,

The weekly collection of refuse has been maintained over the whole of the District and bins are collected from and returned to their normal places of storage. Bulky household refuse is collected by arrangement with householders when requested.

The older of the Council's two Refuse Collection Vehicles became due for replacement towards the end of the year and with a view to achieving more speedy and efficient working it was decided to replace it with a new and larger machine provided with continuous loading equipment. The vehicle finally selected was the Karrier 'Muskateer' Model and delivery is expected early in 1972.

The number of ash pits in the Area is being steadily reduced as mains sewerage facilities become available and housing improvement schemes are completed, and one hopes that in the not too distant future this method of storing refuse will completely vanish. In the meantime, however, a cleansing service is provided which allows for ash pits to be emptied approximately once every 5 to 6 weeks.

Refuse is disposed of by tipping at the Leeming Bar refuse tip and to a much lesser extent in the Bedale tip which is now practically full. These tips are maintained in as neat and tidy a condition as possible by regularly levelling with a tractor provided with a 'dozer' blade.

The Council's Rodent Operator systematically treats the tips so that rat infestations do not occur.

HOUSING

Housing Development in the Area as a whole has continued at a very satisfactory rate and during the year 31 private houses were completed together with 25 Council Dwellings.


The 25 houses completed by the Council are on one Site and were all specially designed to accommodate old people. This Development includes accommodation for a Warden who assists and cares for the aged tenants. The surrounding area is suitably landscaped and the whole Development, it is considered, provides excellent accommodation and facilities for the older members of the community.

The improvement of sub-standard houses has been encouraged wherever possible and during the year, 12 Discretionary Grants and 6 Standard Grants were made available to owners of such property.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

The slaughtering of livestock for human consumption continues to be an important industry in the Area and during the year, 4,139 beasts, 12,591 sheep and 81,829 pigs were dealt with. Every animal was inspected and passed as fit for food before the meat was allowed to leave the slaughtering premises.

Details of the animals slaughtered and meat condemned are given in Appendix No. 1 to this Report.



Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2016 with funding from
Wellcome Library

<https://archive.org/details/b28912366>

POULTRY INSPECTION

The number of poultry slaughtered in the year is very small, only one owner/occupied premises being involved. This is inspected at frequent intervals but routine inspection of the fowls is not possible and therefore records cannot conveniently be kept.

FOOD HYGIENE.

Four Bakehouses are in operation in the District and these, together with five premises where cooked meat and meat products are produced, are inspected at regular intervals. The premises are all satisfactory and one of the bakehouses is to be reconstructed and modernised at an early date.

Food shops are visited on a routine basis and any faults found are quickly rectified.

Fresh milk supplies for the Area are supplied by Wholesale Dairies and delivered ready bottled, by local retailers who collect and return empty bottles to the wholesalers for cleansing. The Retailers have refrigerated storage accommodation for the bottled milk and no action in connection with milk supplies has been necessary.

Details of the premises in the Area which are affected by the Food Hygiene Regulations are set out below, together with information regarding compliance with Sections 16 and 19 of the Regulations.

Type of Premises	No. in area	Sec.16 only applying	Sec.16 & 19 applying
Fish & Chip Shops	2		2
Grocer	28	3	25
Confectionery & Sweets			3
Fruit & Vegetables	3		3
Sweets & Tobacco	4	2	2
Butcher & Cooked Meats	8		8
Baker	3		3
Public Houses	24		24
Caterers	6		6

All premises satisfy the requirements of Sections 16 & 19 in that washing facilities are in or are reasonably accessible to the premises concerned.

RODENT CONTROL

The Council retains the services of a trained Rodent Operator to deal with vermin infestations in the Area together with the routine servicing of the Council's properties including refuse tips and sewage disposal works.

During the year, two major infestations and twenty-eight minor infestations were dealt with. The services of the Rodent Operator are provided free of charge for treating infestations in dwellinghouses and on a net cost basis for Farms, Businesses and other premises.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT.

Forty-six premises employing 183 persons were Registered at the end of the year and 31 visits to inspect these premises were made. One exemption is in force under the Act in respect of sanitary accommodation at a small lock-up shop.

FACTORIES ACT.

A statement, Appendix II, showing particulars concerning the administration of the Act in this Area is attached to the Report. The Statement under Part 8 of the Act is a 'nil' return and has, therefore, been omitted.

See APPENDIX I & II

APPENDIX I

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole
or in part during the year ending DECEMBER, 1971

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	4,038	84	17	12,591	81,829
Number inspected	4,038	84	17	12,591	81,829
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	11	2	7	47	281
Carcases of which some part of organ was condemned	1,575	-	-	1,065	12,895
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis	39.03	2.38	45.29	8.80	16.10
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Carcases of which some part of organ was condemned	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	6
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	.007
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	6	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	6	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1961
PART I-OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1.2.3. 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2	1	NIL	NIL
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	34	10	NIL	NIL
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	12	19	NIL	NIL
Total.....	48	30	NIL	NIL

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found
 (If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more 'cases').

Particulars (1)	Found (2)	Number of cases in which defects were found			Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (6)
		Remedied (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	2	2			
Overcrowding (S.2)	NIL				
Unreasonable temper- a ture (S.3)	NIL				
Inadequate ventila- tion (S.4.)	NIL				
Ireffective drainage of floors (S.6)	NIL				
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	NIL				
(b) Unsuitable or	2	2			
(c) defective Not separate for sexes	NIL				
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work)	NIL				
Totals...	4	4			

